AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method of dynamically assigning usage rights to digital content for use in a system having at least one repository, said method comprising:

specifying a usage right, the usage right specifying an authorized use of digital content and being enforceable by a repository;

determining a status of a dynamic condition; and

dynamically assigning the usage right to the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic condition is external to said usage right.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage right specifies a resolution of the digital content that is authorized for use by the user.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, comprising:

determining a resolution for download of the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition;

applying a sub-band decomposition algorithm to the digital content to create sub-images; and

combining the sub-images into a processed image of the determined resolution for downloading.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said applying step comprises applying a wavelet decomposition algorithm to the digital content.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic condition includes a time of day.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the dynamic condition includes a load on a computer system used to distribute the digital content.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage right includes a fee charged for

the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the usage right includes a distribution right for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the authorized use of the digital content includes at least one of an ability to print the digital content, an ability to distribute the digital content, a number of times that the digital content can be used, and a resolution of the digital content, and

wherein the method comprises dynamically assigning based on the status of the dynamic condition the usage right specifying the at least one of the ability to print the digital content, the ability to distribute the digital content, the number of times that the digital content can be used, and the resolution of the digital content.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes textual content.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes audio content.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes video content.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital content includes software.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising conducting the determining step in a continuous manner.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising conducting the determining step in a periodic manner.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, comprising conducting the determining step at a time of distribution of the digital content.

18. (Original) A system for dynamically assigning usage rights to digital content and including at least one repository, said system comprising:

means for specifying a usage right, the usage right specifying an authorized use of digital content and being enforceable by a repository;

means for determining a status of a dynamic condition; and

means for dynamically assigning the usage right to the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the specifying means, the determining means and the dynamically assigning means comprise devices of a computer system.

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the specifying means, the determining means and the dynamically assigning means comprise computer readable instructions recorded on a computer readable medium.

21. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the dynamic condition is external to said usage right.

22. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the usage right specifies a resolution of the digital content that is authorized for use by the user.

23. (New) The system of claim 22, further comprising:

means for determining a resolution for download of the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition;

means for applying a sub-band decomposition algorithm to the digital content to create sub-images; and

means for combining the sub-images into a processed image of the determined resolution for downloading.

24. (New) The system of claim 23, wherein said applying means include means for applying a wavelet decomposition algorithm to the digital content.

25. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the dynamic condition includes a time of day.

26. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the dynamic condition includes a load on a

computer system used to distribute the digital content.

27. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the usage right includes a fee charged for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

28. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the usage right includes a distribution right for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

29. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the authorized use of the digital content includes at least one of an ability to print the digital content, an ability to distribute the digital content, a number of times that the digital content can be used, and a resolution of the digital content, and the system further comprises means for dynamically assigning, based on the status of the dynamic condition, the usage right specifying at least one of the ability to print the digital content, the ability to distribute the digital content, the number of times that the digital content can be used, and the resolution of the digital content.

30. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes textual content.

31. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes audio content.

32. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes video content.

33. (New) The system of claim 18, wherein the digital content includes software.

34. (New) The system of claim 18, further comprising means for conducting the determining of the status of the dynamic condition in a continuous manner.

35. (New) The system of claim 18, further comprising means for conducting the determining of the status of the dynamic condition in a periodic manner.

36. (New) The system of claim 18, further comprising means for conducting the determining of the status of the dynamic condition at a time of distribution of the digital content.

37. (New) A device for enforcing usage rights assigned to digital content, said device comprising:

means for receiving the digital content;

means for requesting use of the digital content; and

means for enforcing use of the digital content in accordance with a usage right specifying an authorized use of the digital content, wherein the usage right is dynamically assigned to the digital content based on a determined status of a dynamic condition.

38. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the dynamic condition is external to said usage right.

39. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the means for receiving, the means for requesting, and the means for enforcing comprise computer readable instructions recorded on a computer readable medium.

40. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the usage right specifies a resolution of the digital content that is authorized for use by the user.

41. (New) The device of claim 40, further comprising:

means for determining a resolution for download of the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition;

means for applying a sub-band decomposition algorithm to the digital content to create sub-images; and

means for combining the sub-images into a processed image of the determined resolution for downloading.

42. (New) The device of claim 41, wherein said applying means include means for applying a wavelet decomposition algorithm to the digital content.

43. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the dynamic condition includes a time of day.

44. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the dynamic condition includes a load on a computer device used to distribute the digital content.

45. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the usage right includes a fee charged for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

46. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the usage right includes a distribution right for the digital content based on the status of the dynamic condition.

47. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the authorized use of the digital content includes at least one of an ability to print the digital content, an ability to distribute the digital content, a number of times that the digital content can be used, and a resolution of the digital content, and the usage right specifies at least one of the ability to print the digital content, the ability to distribute the digital content, the number of times that the digital content can be used, and the resolution of the digital content.

48. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes textual content.

49. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes audio content.

50. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes video content.

51. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the digital content includes software.

52. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the status of the dynamic condition is determined in a continuous manner.

53. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the status of the dynamic condition is determined in a periodic manner.

54. (New) The device of claim 37, wherein the status of the dynamic condition is determined in at a time of distribution of the digital content.